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Our Case No.: 659/692

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

MARYANN ZUNKER

Serial No.: 09/675,459

Filing Date: SEPTEMBER 28, 2000

For: URINARY INCONTINENCE
DEVICE AND METHOD OF
MAKING SAME

Examiner:

Group Art Unit No.: 3761

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of

record. Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for review by the Examiner.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g),(h), this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, prior art to the application, or material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the receipt of the first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits and hence is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). No fees are believed to be due in connection with filing of this Information Disclosure Statement, however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these material, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.

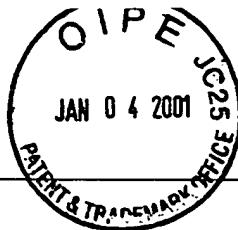
Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

Respectfully submitted,



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FORM PTO-1449	SERIAL NO. 09/675,459	CASE NO. 659/692
LIST OF PATENTS AND PUBLICATIONS FOR APPLICANT'S INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT	FILING DATE September 28, 2000	GROUP ART UNIT 3761
(use several sheets if necessary)		APPLICANT(S): MaryAnn Zunker

REFERENCE DESIGNATION

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	FILING DATE
	A1	3,646,929	03-07-1972	Bonnar		
	A2	4,019,498	04-26-1977	Hawtrey et al.		
	A3	4,139,006	02-13-1979	Corey		
	A4	4,920,986	05-01-1990	Biswas		
	A5	5,007,894	04-16-1991	Enhoming		
	A6	5,036,867	08-06-1991	Biswas		
	A7	5,045,079	09-03-1991	West		
	A8	5,386,836	02-07-1995	Biswas		
	A9	5,609,559	03-11-1997	Weitzner		
	A10	5,659,934	08-26-1997	Jessup et al.		
	A11	5,755,906	05-26-1998	Achter et al.		
	A12	5,785,640	07-28-1998	Kresch et al.		
	A13	5,795,346	08-18-1998	Achter et al.		
	A14	5,816,248	10-06-1998	Anderson et al.		
	A15	6,039,716	03-21-2000	Jessup et al.		
	A16	6,039,828	03-21-2000	Achter et al.		
	A17	6,090,038	07-18-2000	Zunker et al.		
	A18	6,090,098	07-18-2000	Zunker et al.		
	A19	6,095,998	08-01-2000	Osborn, III et al.		
	A20	6,142,928	11-07-2000	Zunker et al.		

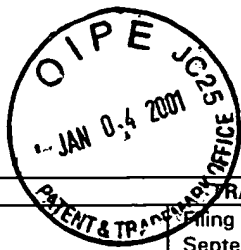
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EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES	NO
	A21	WO 88/10,106	12-29-1988	WIPO			
	A22	EP 0 460 807 A2	12-11-1991	EPO			
	A23	EP 0 264 258 B1	04-22-1992	EPO			
	A24	EP 0 498 912 A1	08-19-1992	EPO			
	A25	EP 0 363 421 B2	10-18-1995	EPO			
	A26	EP 0 714 271 B1	05-13-1998	EPO			

EXAMINER INITIAL	OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)
A27	U.S. Application Serial No. 09/675,458, "Incontinence Insert Applicators And Methods For Their Use," Filed September 28, 2000.
A28	U.S. Application Serial No. 09/675,460, "Resilient Incontinence Insert And A Method Of Making The Same," Filed September 28, 2000.

EXAMINER	DATE CONSIDERED
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER			Case No. 659/692
Serial No. 09/675,459	Filing Date September 28, 2000	Examiner	Group Art Unit 3761
Inventor(s) MaryAnn Zunker			
Title of Invention Urinary Incontinence Device And Method Of Making Same			

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is Information Disclosure Statement (in duplicate), PTO Form 1449 (including copies of cited references A1-A28), Postcard Receipt.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☐ Petition for a _____ month extension of time.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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Small Entity

Rate	Add'l Fee
x \$9 =	
x 40 =	
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x \$80 =	
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Total add'l fee	\$

- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 (BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE) in the amount of \$_____. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ I hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for any extension of time required to ensure that this paper is timely filed. Please charge any associated fees which have not otherwise been paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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